

## AWFUL SCENE AT NIAGARA FALLS.

On the 21st ultimo, Niagara Falls was the scene of a most soul-thrilling casualty. Three men, in a boat, were carried down the rapids; the boat upset, and two of them were at once hurled over the avalanche of waters. The fate of the other, and the scene attending it, is given below:

Up to six o'clock last evening the public were kept in a state of excitement by despatches received at intervals from the Falls, bringing information of the situation of poor Avery, each report fluctuating between hope and fear—now expressing confidence in his eventual safety, and now almost despairing of his rescue.

A large number of persons left this city for the scene of excitement by the trains, and swelled the thousands already gathered round the spot. We have been furnished with an account of the proceedings since one o'clock yesterday, by an eye-witness, but we are under obligations to the operators upon Kisco's Canada line for the earliest intelligence of the wretched fate of the victim.

Our informant tells us that the man was in the part of the rapids where the rocks rise nearly to the surface of the water. A log of wood, apparently wedged tightly between the rocks, and crossed by another still higher out of the water, was his resting place. Here he remained, half clinging to, and half perching upon the log, from which he would occasionally slip down and walk a little on the rocks, which were only a short distance under the water.

A few feet in advance was a small fall of about four feet, and here and each side of him, the waters rushed wildly on at a speed of about forty miles an hour. Since our report of yesterday was made up, about two and a half o'clock in the afternoon, a raft was constructed formed of crossed timbers, strongly fastened in a square form, a hoghead being placed in the centre.

The raft was strongly secured with ropes on each side, and was floated down to the rocks upon which Avery was stationed. As it approached the spot where he stood, the rope got fast in the rocks, and the raft became immovable. Avery then appeared to muster strength and courage, and descending from the log, walked over the rocks to the place where the rope had caught, and labored hard to disengage it from the rocks. After some time he succeeded, and then with renewed energy, inspired by the hope of rescue, he pulled manfully at the rope until he succeeded in bringing the raft from the current towards his fearful resting place.

Avery now got on the raft, making himself fast thereto by means of ropes which had been placed there for that purpose, and those on the land commenced drawing it to the shore. It had approached within thirty feet of one of the small islands, towards which its course was directed, when suddenly it became stationary in the midst of the rapids, the ropes having caught in the rocks.

All endeavors to move it were found to be in vain, and much fear was entertained that the strain upon the ropes might break them and occasion the poor fellow's loss. Various suggestions were now volunteered, and several attempts were made to reach him. One man went out in a boat as far as he dared to venture, and asked him if he would fasten a rope round his body, and trust to being drawn in by that.

The poor fellow, however, shook his head despairingly, as though he felt that he had not strength enough remaining to make himself secure to rope. At length a boat was got ready—a life boat, which had arrived from Buffalo—and was launched. Seeing the preparations, Avery untied his fastenings, with the intention of being ready to spring into the boat. Borne on by the rushing waters, and amid the breathless suspense of the spectators, the boat approached the raft.

A thrill ran through the crowd—the boat lived in the angry waves—it struck the raft—a shout of joy rang forth from the shores, for it was thought that he was saved—when suddenly the hope that had been raised was again destroyed—a moment's confusion followed the collision, and in the next the victim was seen in the midst of the waters, separated from his frail support and struggling for life.

For a minute or two, the poor fellow, striking out boldly, swam strongly towards the island, and the cry echoed from shore to shore that he would yet be saved! But soon the fact became certain that he receded from the shore—his strength was evidently failing. Gradually he was borne back into the fiercest part of the current—slowly at first, then more rapidly.

Swiftly and more swiftly he approached the brink of the fatal precipice—the waters had him at last, their undisputed victim, and madly they whirled him on to death, as though he were a stone, and his persevering efforts to escape their fury.

A sickening feeling came over the spectators when, just on the brink of the precipice, the doomed man sprung up from the waters—clear from their surface—raising himself upright as a statue, with his arms flung wildly aloft, and with a piercing shriek that rang loudly above the mocking roar of the cataract, fell back again into the foaming waves, and was hurled over the brow of the fatal precipice. —*Buffalo Commercial.*

## NEW YORK CRYSTAL PALACE.

Correspondence of the Pitts. Dispatch.

New York, July 26, 1853.—*Messrs Foster & Fleeson:* Under the impression I might benefit some of your curious readers, who contemplate a visit to the Crystal Palace, perhaps anxious and in a hurry to be off to see it, I would say—at home for at least six weeks or two months. Having been to see it, I would candidly say that as yet it attracts scarcely any of the citizens here to visit it, being only partly finished, many goods lying unopened within it, and others opened and not yet arranged. That it is worth a visit, from one having other business here, is true; but that it should induce persons to expend thirty or forty dollars in travelling from the West to see it, is a mistake. That it does not so well as was expected, is evident from the stock going down twenty-five dollars a share in one day, and the little stir it makes among the citizens of New York. However it will no doubt be more attractive in a couple of months, and then let the Western people who have money to spare and spend through here. This city is a complete fair, all the time, and you will see almost as much in the stores and the streets, to admire and wonder, as can be found in the palace itself. Except the statuary of Italy, our own country can produce, if brought to the test, the equal of any imported article I have seen; perhaps painting should also be excepted. Belgium has not sent much but what are exhibited are choice specimens of painting and statuary. France I judge will make the greatest display. Of English productions I see, in machinery and pottery ware, they make a large display; also in woolen fabric and cutlery. But, as I heard an English agent remark about a model for a Railroad Y, "had the inventor known it was in use in this country he would not have sent it." This remark will apply to many things sent from this same region. I was sorry to see the only representative from Pittsburgh was Hall & Speer's plow, which I see is said by the *Tribune* to be the best exhibited. I have no doubt but, in the additional wing now being finished at the palace, Pittsburgh manufactures could find space. I cannot go into detail; as there is now publishing an illustration of the articles on exhibition, it is not necessary to be specific. There is one great want felt by the unscientific visitor, in not having every article labelled with the name or design and author or exhibitor. This would enable the spectator to read, as he walks around, the interesting information, without going to the volume of illustrations for his knowledge. But enough at present.

I am yours, truly, GOTHAM.

Pittsburg, we understand is not well represented in the great Exhibition; but we have been told that there is a piece of mechanism far surpassing the great German clocks which we read about. The great utility of the invention consists in the fact, that the watch will keep all kinds of time—railroad time, church time, steamboat time and omnibus time—of which latter species there are several varieties. The necessity of such an instrument may be inferred from the answer of a hotel waiter to a traveler, who inquired what hour it was; said he "If you want yer breakfast its about eight o'clock; if yer goin' in the cars its most nine and you'll have to hurry up yer cakes."—*Union.*

One Hundred and Fifty Tons of Pure Copper in one Mass.—A letter to the New York Tribune from Eagle River, Lake Superior, states that there is a mass of pure copper in the North American Mine, which was thrown down on the 6th instant, forty-two feet long, twenty feet high and two feet thick—the largest mass of copper ever before discovered.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The population of San Francisco is now nearly 50,000. Six years ago it was 450, including 247 white males and 128 females, 34 Indians, 40 Kanakas, and 10 negroes.

Hon. David R. Atchison, Senator from Missouri, is stamping the State. The war between him and "Old Bullion" rages with increased fury.

Morgantown Prices Current, July 30.

Wheat, 75 bu. Potatoes, .50  
Rye, .44 Butter, 1 lb .10  
Corn, .50 " keg .10  
Oats, .31 Bacon, 8 @ 10  
Buckwheat, .37 Lard, .10  
Flour, 40 lbs. 4.00 Glass, 8 @ 10 3.50  
Dried Apples, 1.00 " 10 @ 12 4.25  
" Peaches, 2.25 Nails, .50 @ 10  
Beans, .10 Iron, .10 @ 25

Pittsburg Markets—Wednesday.

Flour, per bbl. 4.00 to 4.25  
Grain—Oats 48 to 50; Corn 50 to 52; Wheat 87 to 90.  
Cheese, 7 to 8 cts.  
Butter—bbls. and boxes, 11 cts.  
Bacon—hog round, 6 1/2 to 7; shoulders 6 1/2; sides 7; hams 9 1/2; do. sugar-cured 11.

JAMES M. LAZZELL, M. D.  
And Member of the Medical-Chirurgical Society of Philadelphia,  
CONTINUES THE PRACTICE OF  
MEDICINE, SURGERY, ETC.,  
AT BLACKSVILLE, Va.  
July 30, 1853. 3m.

Dressed Boards for Sale.  
1450 ft. of half-inch, 7-8 and inch Pine Board, machine dressed, for sale at  
July 15. THOMPSON'S POTTERY.

## MEDICAL CARD.

CHARLES McLANE, M. D. ISAAC SCOTT, M. D. and HUGH W. BROCK, M. D., (having this day associated themselves together under the firm of Drs. McLane, Scott & Brock), tender their services to their friends and the public generally as practitioners of Medicine, Surgery, &c., &c.

Being graduates of the first Medical Colleges, they offer their professional services to the public without any additional guaranty superadded to their previous success.

Office as formerly, opposite the Merchants' & Mechanics' Bank.  
Morgantown, August 6, 1853.

## BANKING HOUSE.

JOHN T. HOGG, BROWNSVILLE, PA.  
THE advertiser has opened an office of Discount and Deposit, and for dealing in Money in all its branches, and solicits the custom of the public.

Deposits received.  
Drafts bought, sold and collected.  
Specie and bank notes exchanged.  
Land Warrants bought and sold.

JONATHAN BINNS, Agent.  
August 6, 1853. 208

WANTED IMMEDIATELY!  
It is desirable that the business of the late firm of McLane, Son & Scott should be settled. Those of our friends having accounts of longer standing than five years or less, are respectfully requested to note the fact, and call soon to settle.

In the absence of those composing the firm, Wm. A. Guseman is authorized to make settlements.  
McLANE, SON & SCOTT.  
August 6, 1853.

## PUBLIC SALE.

Pursuant to a Decree of Trust given by Anson Blake and Ira Hersey to secure the payment of a certain sum of money, to Gwyn, Reed, and Taylor, the Subscriber as Trustee, will on Monday the 15th day of August, 1853, at the Court-House in Morgantown, sell to the highest bidder for ready money—Two several tracts of Land, and appurtenances, situated on Cheat River in the county of Monongalia. The one of said Leases given by Matthew Gay to said Blake for the term of five years from the 1st of November, 1852, includes the Store-House near the Forge and Rolling Mill, also the little Meadow near the Forge, and one other house, also the privilege of Fire-Clay, Stone-Clay, &c. On these premises is situated a valuable Manufacture of Fire-Brick, which has been in successful operation.

The second Lease given by said Gay to said Hersey, for five years, from the 1st of November, 1852, including the House on the hill, and all the Land South and South-East of the Brandywine road and Cheat River, formerly belonging to the Elliotts' Works. The first Lease subject to a rent of \$300 per annum, and the second to a rent of \$70 per annum.

E. C. WILSON, Trustee.  
August 1st, 1853. 208-1a

## FINALLY.

WE have placed all our accounts and notes in the hands of W. A. GUSEMAN, who will attend to the collecting and settling the same on or before the first day of September next. He will put those unpaid out for collection. Don't think we are in fun; he is instructed by us to do this, certain. We ought to have done this long ago to get money to pay our own debts.

E. C. LAZIER, J. A. McLANE.  
Aug. 1, 1853.

VIRGINIA—At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Preston, on the first Monday in August, 1853:

Michael Richard, vs. In Assumpsit.

Luke Richard, vs. In Assumpsit.

The object of this suit is to recover from the Defendant damages in the said action to the amount of \$256 (at the least) due from him to the Plaintiff.

AND it appearing by affidavit that the said defendant is not a resident of the said State; he is therefore required to appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interests. A copy test.

WM. G. BROWN & CO., Plffs' Attys.  
August 6, 1853. 208-5

SLACKWATER MEETING.

At Greensboro, Greene County, Pa.

On Saturday, August 13, 1853.

Gen. J. K. Morehead and George W. Cass, Esq., of Pittsburgh—Hon. Charles A. Beck, of Waynesburg, and William T. Willey, Esq. of Morgantown, may be expected to deliver addresses.

Come out, friends of the River improvement, in your strength!

July 15, 1853.

A PUBLIC MEETING

Of the Stockholders of the "Cranberry Summit and Lake Erie Turnpike Company,"

will be held at Jacob Guseman's, on Saturday, the 13th day of August next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing Directors for said Company, &c.

W. B. CRANE, J. GUSEMAN, & H. HAGAN, Secs.

July 27, 1853. On behalf of Comrs.

NOTICE.

A MEETING of the Stockholders of the Morgantown Bridge Company, for the purpose of electing a President and two Directors, will be held at the Court-House in Morgantown, on Saturday, the 13th day of August next.

By order. G. S. RAY, Secy.

July 29, 1853. 207-1c

LOST. A Second Cornet Book, belonging to the late Morgantown Brass Band. The finder, or person having it in possession, will please return it to

July 23, 1850. LEE ROY KIGER.

NOTICE.

THIS is to forewarn all persons from trading for or purchasing a certain

Note of Hand, held by Jesse Mercer, purporting to be given by me to Caleb Trippe.

Said note is dated the 19th day of February, 1850, and due 1st day of April, 1853—as I am determined not to pay said note unless compelled by law.

JNO. POLESTON.

July 9, 1853. 205-3t

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July 15, 1853. 205-3m.p.

## EVERYBODY BUYS IT—EVERYBODY READS IT—EVERYBODY ADMIRE IT—FANNY FERN'S NEW BOOK.

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You can laugh or cry, as you please, by opening at different pages. She is, without doubt, at the present time the most popular writer in the country.—*Paritan Recorder.*

There are pictures of love, of beauty, and of suffering here, equal to the best sketches of Dickens. Compared with the graceful leaves of "Grace Greenwood," Fanny Fern has woven a wreath that is as oak-leaves to clover.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

They are the product of an inventive and beautiful mind, and breathe a pure, gentle and loving spirit.—*Albany Argus.*

Her book reads better as a whole, than any of her scattered productions which we remember. This is a rare experience in authorship. It is the best tribute to the authenticity of her fame. We predict that her "Leaves" will become general favorites.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

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She was (as we have since learned) poor and friendless; having been reduced, by unforeseen and overwhelming misfortunes, from affluence to penury. She often wrote articles as the gray dawn was breaking, after a night's weary watch by the sick couch of those dependent upon her; their only support being the meagre pittance received for her early productions.—*New York Musical World and Times.*

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ALL those knowing themselves indebted to R. B. Carr & Co., H. H. Carr, or H. H. Carr & Co., either by note or account, will please call and make payment of at least a part within thirty days, as the accounts and notes have been left with me for collection with the instruction that the money must come.

Those failing to attend to the above call will find their paper in the hands of officers for collection. Please call and save cost. JOHN R. DRABELL.

Morgantown, July 1, 1853.

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IN any quantity and all sizes, from 8 by 10 to 24 by 37, for sale cheap by

June 20, 1853. E. W. TOWER & Co.

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Situate on the Morgantown & Kingwood pike, 4 miles and a half from Morgantown, adjoining lands of John Runner, Levi Dorton and others—containing about

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For a view of the property, and other particulars, call on the subscriber on the premises, JOHN DORTON.

July 23, 1853. 206-3t

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

OF A HOUSE AND LOT.

IN PURSUANCE of a Decree of the Circuit Court of Monongalia county, Virginia, rendered at its April term, 1853, in the cases of Brooke & Haymond; Lazier, McLane & Co., and George W. Miller, against Theodore G. Closson and others, the undersigned Commissioner appointed for that purpose, will, on

Monday, the 25th day of July, 1853, (being Court day) in front of the Court House in Morgantown, proceed to sell the

HOUSE and LOT, in said Decree mentioned, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on a credit of six, twelve, and eighteen months, the purchaser to give bonds for the payment of said sum, and a lien retained on said House and Lot for the purchase money.

L. S. HOUGH, Commissioner.  
June 25, 1853. 202-1t

14 STRAY SHEEP.

Preston county, to wit:

WE, Rawley Crier, Jacob May and Joseph Somers, three freeholders of the said county, do hereby certify that by virtue of a warrant to us directed, by J. J. Hamilton, a Justice of the said county, we have on this day on our oaths viewed and appraised Fourteen head of SHEEP, taken up by Andrew Wolf, on his land, as Estrays; and as the value of said Sheep at one dollar and twenty-five cents per head. Said Sheep are all white and full grown; three of which are marked in the ear with a crop of the right ear; one of the three with a small bell on; one with a crop of the right and under bit on the left; 1 crop of each under bit on the left; 2 crop of the left and under bit in the right; 2 crop of each right and swallowfork in the left; 1 crop of left and under bit in the left; 1 crop of right and half crop of the left. Given under our hands this 30th day of February, 1853.

Rawley Crier, Jacob May, &c. his mark, Joseph Somers.

A copy—test, SMITH CRANE, Clerk.  
July 23, 1853. 205-3t

WOODWARD & ODBERT,

Saddle & Harness Makers,

MORGANTOWN, Va.

HAVING entered into co-partnership in the above business, beg leave to inform their old friends and the public in general, that they have just received from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, a splendid assortment of materials for the manufacturing of

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A more general assortment of said article, than can be got in any other Shop in the country. Also, HARNESSES of every description, and common HARRY HARNESSES of all kinds. Wagon Harness, Collars, Riding Bridles, &c., all of which they have and will continue to keep on hand, and make to order at the shortest notice, at their old stand two doors East of the Court-house, and will sell to old and new customers on the most reasonable terms.

Citizens of this and the adjoining counties are respectfully invited to call and examine their stock before purchasing elsewhere.

may 21, 1853. 3mo.

Monday, June 13th.

Received at the N. Y. Cheap Variety

Store,

Black, Blue, Pink, Mode and Salmon colored, all wool Delaines. Some beautiful Blue, Pink, Mode and Tan colored Barges, also a nice lot of Delaines, together with some very pretty Barge Delaines Prints, Donnets, Straw Trimmings, Ribbons, Flowers, also Gingham, Black and Mode figured Alpaca. Some very cheap Bleached and Brown Muslin, Diapers, Tweeds, Cassimeres, Black Green Brown and Blue Cloths, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps.

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